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TWO RIDERS GALLOP IN THE





HE WON'T NOTICE US!
WE'RE AS BROKE AS
COWPOKES! AN'WORSE
LUCK, WE DON'T EVEN
HAYE ENOUGH MONEY
FOR BUILLETS!

HE AR MUSIC!

HEAR MUSIC!















WHY, THET'S JUST







COME BACK

LATER, WON'T

MORE BOOTHS .. THANK YOU, MA'AM! THERE YOU ARE, NOW, COULD A SIR... HAVE A SAMPLE OF THE DOLLARS! MERCHANDISE?

LOUIE HEMMING, DAPPER DUNDEE'S SDEKICK, KNEW A GOOD THING WHEN HE SAW IT, SO HE VISITED















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RIGHT!

BUMPER WILL

YOUR SNEAK



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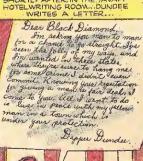












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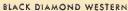


AN HOUR LATER, DUNDER MEETS LOUIE AT HORSESHOE TURN...

HERE COMES THE HANDCAR!
THEY WILL TRY TO SCOOT
PAST US! PLUG ONE OF
THE GUYS OPERATING
THE LEVER!
GOTCHA!









BACKTRACKING A HALF MILE, DUNDEE NOTICES SOMETHING

LOUIE! LOOK! TWO SETS OF HOOFPRINTS! THEY'RE NOT YOUR TRACKS! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWED!

BOULDER AND SEE!

WHOEVER TRAILED YOU MUST BE TRAILIN' YUH STILL! LET'S HIDE BEHIND THAT



INJUNS ARE SUN-WORSHIPPERS! RED DUNNO! I'M A AIN MAN! FIRE WAS BROUGHT UP BELIEVE IN PLAIN BY INJUNS SO I'M SURE HE'LL GET A BIG KICK OUT OF ROASTING TO DEATH WHEN FANCY FER ME, DAPPER! THE SUN RISES!

DON'T BE SILLY! THE BLACK DIAMOND TRUSTS ME...AND 'A TRUSTING MAN YOU PAY, BLACK DIAMOND ALWAYS TURNS HIS BACK TO YOU! I'M GONNA VISIT CATCH YOU-YOUR FRIEND RIGHT NOW!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS MEN ARE RECRUITED FOR THE POSSE, LOUIE HEMMING INCLUDED ...

DON'T YUH THINK WE THE BLAZES HERE INSTEAD OF HUNTIN' FER OURSELVES?

YES, BUT WE MUST DO A LITTLE JOB ON BLACK DIAMOND FIRST! WE'L GET HIM AN BUMPER ALONE!



BLACK DIAMOND-WE OUGHT TO SPLIT UP! WHY DON'T WE GO WEST WHILE THE REST OF HEADS EAST!

A GOOD IDEA! YOU FIND ANY CLUES TELEGRAPH THE RAIL-ROAD CAMP! WE'LL BE THERE!





















BLACK DIAMOND KNOWS THAT ONE OF TWO PATHS HAS BEEN MINED FOR HIS DEATH! HE MUST MAKE A CHOICE, BUT HE MAY LOSE EITHER WAY, FOR AT THE END OF THE SAFE PATH AWAIT TWO NOTORIOUS BROTHERS, BOTH TO ASSASSINATE BLACK DIAMOND!

SWORN DON'T MISS

IN THE NEXT AND BEST BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN EVER!

PIMPLES ABOUT

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

Same Type Medication Used in Clinical Tests Reported in Jan. 1952 Reader's Digest (pg. 81) is Available To You

WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you can and should do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities—intelligence, character, dignity—all go-to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that peoplesee first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

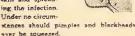
Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than now.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out

with your fingers.

A bit of experimentation along
these lines soon
provides convincing proof that this
succeeds only in
inflaming your
skin and spreading the infection.



SKIN COLORED MEDICATION CONCEALS PIMPLES INSTANTLY WHILE IT WORKS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin cen use for lubrication. Unless special cere is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

- Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
- Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
- Micro-organisms such as bacteria
 and fungi,

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.





Nurmul skin Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

TRY THIS SENSIBLE WAY

Two sensible aims to achieve in controlling this skin condition are: to clear the pores of clogging matter, and to inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin. Toward these ends, Dornol Products' research roakes available two formulas. One is to aid in thorough cleaning by highly dotergent penetration which simplifies the removal of waste and foreign matter. The other is to discourage oiliness with clinically-proved ingredients, and to kill infections.

tious bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples and blackheads.

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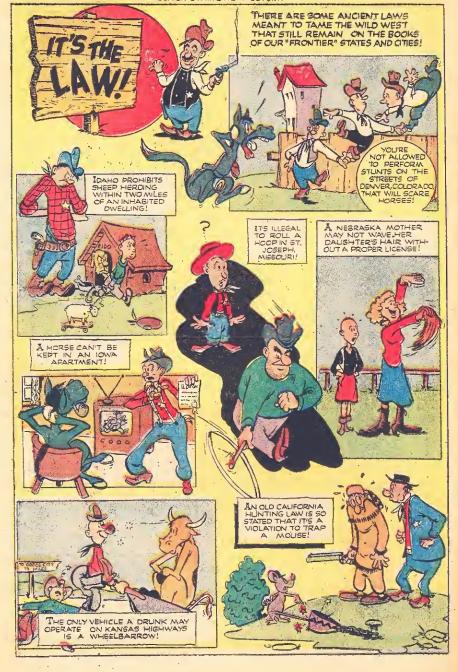
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WHAT WHEN

BLACK DIAMOND

meets "LAUGHIN' FAT BLACKIE"
THE MEANEST CRITTER WHO EVER TOTED A GUN?



IN A SMALL WESTERN TOWN, THE BLACK DIAMOND AND HIS PAL, BUMPER ARE COMPLETING SOME IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT BUSINESS WITH BANK PRESIDENT, CUTHBERT J. PENNY CONCERNING LARGE DEPOSITS OF CURRENCY POR THE ARMY PAYROLL.

SO, GENTLEMEN, UNTIL THE
NEW SAFE ARRIVES, (ILL NEED)
EXTRA PROTECTION TO GLIARD
THE BANK! WHAT WITH LARGE
DEPOSITS OF GOLD AND SILVER
FROM THE NEW MINES AND
ALL, I'LL HAWE TO KEEP SOME
OF IT STACKED OUT HERE ON
THE FLOOR!

WHEW! I'T'S SURE
WHEW! IT'S SURE
HOT TODAY!

UNNOTICED BY BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER, FOUR ARMED MEN SLIP SILENTLY INTO THE BANK! THEY PAUSE BRIEFLY TO LOOK ABOUT AND THEN...

























































REALIZING HE HAS MADE A SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE, THE JUBILANT BLACKIE HEADS BACK DOWN THE HILL TO HIS HOUSE...



AFTER MOUNTING HIS HORSE, BLACKIE PAUSES A MOMENT TO SECURE THE POUCH HOLDING THE STOLEN MONEY, TO HIS SADDLE...



... WHEELING HIS HORSE AROUND, BLACKIE PLUNGED DOWN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SLOPES, WHERE HE FOUND RELIAPON AND EL LOBO, WAITING FOR THEIR MASTERS...



























WITH RELIAPON'S HELP BLACK DIAMOND AND BUM-PER EMERGE FROM THE WRECKAGE BUT AS THEY MOUNT AND START OFF IN PURSUIT ...







BLACKIE'S

COLLAPSED!





THE M ... MONEY! I'LL MAKE IT

A NICE, COOL PIECE OF SHADE! THIS HEAT HE WON'T GIVE THIS TIME! IS BEGINNING TO GET ME, TOO!

LET'S GATHER HIM

UP AND HEAD FOR

OUR COMIC, "LAUGHIN" FAT BLACKIE, ALIAS
BLACKIE THE SANK
ROBBER DOESN'T SEEM
TO THINK THINGS ARE VERY FUNNY NOW!

IS FUNNY! HA, HA!

GUESS HE DOESN'T

THINK THAT OLD

JOKE, "HE WHO

LAUGHS BEST!

LAUGHS LAST

AN INNOCENT FAMILY IS IMPERILED BY A

THIEVING RENEGADE-THEIR ONLY ESCAPE IS OVER A NARROW ROPE SUSPENSION BRIDGE! BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARE HOT ON THE TRAIL... BUT IS IT TOO LATE ?

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Spoofer Earned His Keep!



poofer, the palomino colt, was born one cold wintry night. Mr. Conner sat up awaiting Spoofer's arrival. Curly Conner, his son, stood by to help. Mr. Conner held-a grudge against Spoofer which began that night.

Spoofer's mother was the pride of Mr. Conner's ranch, The Lazy Valley. In fact, Spoofer's mother was the prize palomino west of the Divide. Spoofer's arrival into the world almost killed her. For days after the arrival of Spoofer his mother was watched and nursed with the utmost care. With the worry over her paramount in the mind of Mr. Conner, Spoofer was forgotten. Spoofer was rugged, though spindly, and in spite of being ignored by Mr. Conner, Spoofer survived.

Spoofer was not entirely forgotten. Curly's heart went out to the colt the minute he was. born. Curly knew this was the horse for him. Curly had never had a horse of his own, and had dreamed of the day he could break a colt and be his master. Now Curly knew that only Spoofer would answer his prayer.

The colt grew and grew and became more and more wild. Spoofer's mother never fully recovered from the colt's birth and Mr. Conner's antipathy toward Spoofer grew. Mr. Conner waited until Spoofer was grown enough to be put on the market and away from the Lazy Valley Ranch for good.

As Mr. Conner's grudge against Spoofer grew, Curly's attachment for Spoofer grew. Curly wanted no other horse, Spoofer was the only one for him.

One day in the corral as Spoofer was wildly bucking around the yard, Mr. Conner said to Curly, "That colt is almost big enough to sell. We can drive him into town next week." "Father, you can't sell Spoofer! I need a horse and Spoofer's the only one I want!" objected Curly.

"Curly, you're too young to have a horse of your own, to say nothing of the job of breaking that critter," answered Mr. Conner.

"But, Dad," pleaded Curly. "I know I can break Spoofer. I have to learn sometime."

"That horse is a jinx already, Curly, He's almost ruined his mother. I don't want him to ruin you or me," flatly objected Mr. Conner.

Curly finally realized that his father wasn't as hard-headed as he seemed. Spoofer was allowed to stay on a trial basis.

Spoofer didn't cooperate very well at first. Spoofer was wild and did not want to be broken Mr. Conner, after having seen Curly tossed to the ground three times by the wild colt, was ready again to haul the colt into town and sell him. But Curly intervened and would have none of it. Curly was determined to break the unruly colt.

Mr. Conner continued to object to the beating Curly was taking from the wild colt. Mr. Conner also objected to the time it was taking Curly to break Spoofer. As far as he was concerned this was all lost time on the busy ranch.

Curly learned to talk to Spoofer and gradually the two came to understand each other. Spoofer now did more and more what Curly wished. But Spoofer only did this for Curly. Whenever Mr. Conner approached Spoofer, the colt seemed to sense the feeling Mr. Conner had toward him. Then Spoofer would go wild and Mr. Conner, even more, wondered why he let-Curly fool with this half-witted colt.

Curly tried to win his father's affections ever to the colt but every attempt failed. Spoofer didn't cooperate very well as every time he saw Mr. Conner coming he bucked, tessed his head and threw a loud whinny to the wind.

Curly got up every morning at the crack of dawn and went to the stable. He worked Spoofer out, then returned to the ranch house in time to help his father with the daily chores. Even though Mr. Conner objected to Spoofer he could not object to Curly's determination to keep and break the celt.

When roundup time came, Curly talked Mr. Conner into letting him help bring the cattle in. Curly feit that Spoofer was sufficiently broken to take out on the roundup. All hands set out early one morning, keyed up with the excitement of the occasion.

Spoofer was saddled and bridled and Curly rode him proudly as he knew Spoofer would now reflect his months of training. Spoofer behaved magnificently and Curly was proud as the cowboys admired his magnificent palomino. Only Mr. Conner wondered how long Spoofer's good manners would last.

On the range, during the day, Curly became separated from his father. He gave this little thought as he was with one group and his father with another. He knew they'd meet again back at the ranch. The rest of the day Curly thought Spoofer was acting rather strange and excitable, forever pulling in the opposite direction. Curly dismissed these thoughts believing this was merely Spoofer's youth and lack of experience on the roundup.

The first day of the roundup ever, Curly returned to the Lazy Valley exhausted, jumped off Spoofer, unsaddled and unbridled him, then turned him loose in the corral. Curly dragged his weary self into the ranch house. He did not notice that his father was not there at first. When he did notice he thought little of the delay. Curly rapidly ate his dinner, climbed the stairs and fell into bed and went fast asleep immediately.

Later that night Curly was awakened by a crash and a loud whinny. He immediately recognized the excitable whinny of Spoofer. Curly raced down the stairs in the direction from which the crash had come.

A window in the kitchen had been smashed in and as Curly approached the damage he again heard Spoofer whinny. Curly ran to the door with a reprimand on his lips for the unmanageable colt. The moment he saw Speofer, the reprimand died on his lips and he knew something was wrong.

"What is it Spoof?" queried Curly, half expecting the horse to answer. Spoofer answered as well as could be expected and Curly jumped on his back. Off they raced, out of the yard, past the corrai and out onto the

range. On and on the horse galloped with the small, bazefoot boy dressed in pajamas on his bare back.

Specier finally came to the ravine, which Curly had been warned of all his life. It appeared out of nowhere and if you didn't knew it was there you could fall down in a second. Specier suddenly halted, waited. Curly held his breath wondering what was happening. Then he heard a mean from the depths of the ravine.

Carly jumped from Spoofer's back, crept toward the edge of the ravine and yelled down. A faint voice answered, "Curly?"

Curly cried back, "Dad!"

The barefooted Curly, with the aid of bright moonlight and with his lasso tied around his waist and firmly tied to a stump above, descended into the ravine. The rocks cut his hands and feet, but the moonlight showed him the way and the rope secured him. Finally reaching his father's side he learned what had happened.

Mr. Conner had been riding Rusty. Rusty was a fine horse but had some eccentricities which Mr. Conner fully understood. Just as they rode up to the ravine, a jack rabbit had appeared from nowhere. Rusty shied, Mr. Conner was thrown and rolled down the side of the ravine. After his fall Mr. Conner was in surprisingly good shape except that one of his legs screamed with pain every time he maved it.

Curly realized he could not get his father out alone, so he left him there and climbed up the rocky wall. Then he jumped on the back of his waiting Spoofer and raced toward the ranch.

Several of the cowboys tumbled out of bed, hearing of the emergency. They jumped on their horses and raced to the ravine.

With lassoes and the help of many willing and strong arms, Mr. Conner was carried to the top of the ravine, unharmed except for his painful leg.

As they rode back to the ranch, Mr. Conner, on an improvised stretcher in the hay wagen, said to Curly who sat by his side, "I give up, Curly. Spoofer has everything and more than his mother. I guess 50% of it is from the good training you've given him."

"I knew yo'd see my way sometime, Dad. I'm serry it took a tumble down the ravine for you to learn. I wonder how Spoofer found you?"

"I den't know," mused Mr. Conner. "Those palominos are almost human. I guess Spoofer didn't see me ride in on Rusty and thought something was wrong."

"Maybe Spoofer asked Rusty," laughed Curly, "We'll never know,"

THE END

BRACK DIAMOND

m "King of Scoundrels"



In those days and places there were few honest MBM: SO IT TOOK HIM LITTLE TIME TO ENLIST TWO OUT-LAWS TO SERVE UNDER HIS COMMAND!





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WILL YOU KEEP US



I'M GONNA NEED AMBASSADORS AN' A PRIME MINISTER, AIN'T I ? A KING HAS GOTTA HAVE A MINISTER OF WAR, TOO! YOU, WHAT'S GOZLIN TAPPER, CAN BE



TOMORROW MORNIN' I'M GONNA MAKE MY CRIME FIGHTIN' TALENT CITY - YOU GUYS GO AHEAD OF ME AN TALK ME UP ALL OVER TOWN!

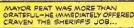


BUT SUPPOSIN'

THE MAYOR DOESNY

BY THE TIME BIXIE CRAVEN ARRIVED AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, HE WAS CONSIDERED A CELEBRITY-TAPPER AND GOZLIN HAD SPREAD THEIR PROPAGANDA WELL! YOU DESERVE OUR SILENCIN' FOUR AN' WHAT'S MORE, GETTIN KILLERS SORT OF MAKES YOU HANDWRIT





SINCE YOU'RE MAKIN' MY APPOINT-MENT OFFICIAL, MISTER MAYOR, ALSO WRITE THAT I CAN ACT AS JUDGE AS

THANK HEAVEN YOU CAME TULSA CITY, CRAYEN! NOW MAYBE WE'LL HAVE SOME REAL LAW AN'ORDER HERE

WELL AS ARRESTIN' COME IN



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

WITH THAT UNPRECEDENTED POWER IN HAND, CRAYEN MADE A QUICK AND BOLD MOVE!

NOW, MR. MAYOR, AS JUDGE AN' SHERIFF OF TULSA CITY, I ARREST YOU FOR CHEATIN' YOUR HONES' CITIZENS—HANGIN'S TOO GOOD FOR YA—UNLESS YOU'RE WILLIN' TO RESIGN PEACEFUL!

Y...YOU MUST HE'S NOT BE J. JOKING! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, JOKIN'S CRAVEN ?







THE FOLLOWING DAYS WERE BLOODY FOR THE RULERLESS TOWN! WITH NO ONE TO TURN TO FOR PROTECTION THE CITIZENS WERE BULLIED AND BEATEN

CRAVEN. JONES, I HEAR YOU REFUSED TO PAY A WE'VE AL STOOD ABOUT TAX ON YOUR WIFE! ENOUGH! I'M NOT GOING ONE CENT

FIT TO LIVE!

TAXES WERE PLACED EVEN ON

WIVES-A MAN HAD TO PAY A TAX FOR EVERY CHILD HE HAD! UNTIL ... YOUR HUSBAND THINKS YOU-HE AIN'T

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, TWO SPINSTERS WERE TOLD TO PAY UP! PERHAPS THEY JUST DIDN'T LIKE TAPPER'S UNCOUTH



THE CRAVEN TERROR REIGNED UNCHECK-ED FOR NEARLY A MONTH, AND THAT WASJUST ABOUT THE TIME THE PLACK DIAMOND WAS MAKING HIS ROUTINE TOUR OF THAT TERRITORY AS U.S. MARSHAL! BUMPER WAS WITH HIM!











IF YOU DESERVE IT

GUN-

YOU'LL GET IT!



WE'RE ROBBERS! AND WE'RE NOT THE ONLY







THE CITY THAT DAY WAS HOT WITH EXCITEMENT—BUMPER AND BLACK DIAMOND WERE ARRESTING CRAVEN COLLABORATORS BY THE DOZEN....



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

HEY, BIXIE—I
MEAN YOUR
MANIESTY! YA
BETTER DO
SOMETHING
QUICK! THAT
BLACK DIAMOND
IS TAKIN! OVER
YOUR CITY!

ARE YA?

I OUGHT TO CUT YOUR THROAT
FER SAYIN' THAT—HOW MANY
MEN HAS HE GOT WITH HIM?
ONLY
AN' THAT
STRONG
GUY,
BUMPER!
IN THAT
CASE WE RIDE
HIM OUT WITH
GUNS BLAZIN!

THE WORD OF CRAVEN'S FANATICAL PLAN REACHED THE EARS OF THE BLACK DIAMOND—HE AND BUMPER DUG A FOXHOLE IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN...



THEY'RE UNMOUNTING LIKE YOU
HOPED! AFTER 'EM-CRAVEN IS

I THINK I
COULD PICK
THE RAT OFF
FROM HERE,
BUT I'D LIKE
HIM ALIVE!

THE CLEVER STRATEGY OF THE BLACK DIAMOND THAT BLOODY AFTERNOON IS STILL TALKED ABOUT! BIXIE CRAVEN HAD AT LAST BEEN BESTED!





CRAVEN HAD SCORES OF PAID HOODLUMS! EACH ONE HAD TO BE ROUNDED UP! BLACK DIAMOND'S JOB WAS NOT OVER WITH CRAVEN'S CAPTURE...







AFTER THE LAST ARREST. THE FIRST THING BLACK DIAMOND DID WAS THANK THOSE TWO HEROIC SPIN STERS! THEIR TESTIMONY WAS NOT NEEDED FOR BIXIE CRAVEN MADE A FULL CONFESSION BEFORE A FULL COURTROOM, HOPING FOR LENIENCY!



HE CRIED+HE TRIED HYSTERICS, EVEN PRETENDING INSANITY, BUT TO NO AVAIL BECAUSE THE JURY THAT HE FACED WAS MADE UP OF THE HONEST CITIZENS OF TUESA





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